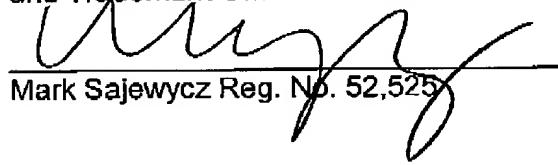


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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on January 7, 2004, for which a response is due on February 7, 2004.

The section of the amendment containing the omission or non-compliant provision is being resubmitted. In this respect, the entire "AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS" section is being resubmitted below.

The Applicant would like to point out that it is not the intention to cancel claims 17-29, as these claims have presently been withdrawn from consideration, and the Applicant wishes that this status be maintained.

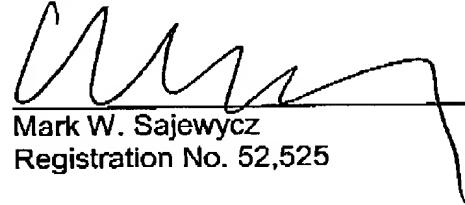
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The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, favourable consideration, and an early Notice of Allowability. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his office in Toronto at (416) 862-5795 to resolve any remaining issues.

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